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## 1924 CATALOG

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### *Dahlia Specialist*

Discoverer of diseased spots, King of the Whites; originator of the world's best varieties: Lily Grand, Ben Wilson, World's Best White, Boston White, Snow Queen, White King, Queen of the Whites, Geo. S. Harvey, Mary Curtin, Sorosis Souvenir, City of Peabody, Harry Sheldon Jr., Geo. Ray, Eva Cole, and the real king of all regardless of color or class, AMETHYST SUPREME, something new in petal formation.

Don't find so much fault with the bulbs you buy, until you are sure the fault isn't yours, which it is very apt to be.





## FIRST LESSON

Just a few lines to let you know you should learn the laws of the Dahlia family and get away from the idea that you are the cause of disease in your Dahlia garden by over or under feeding or otherwise. You don't seem to wake up to the fact that Nature has framed laws for the Dahlia family as well as the human family, and both must be obeyed; therefore, you couldn't create disease in your garden if you wanted to, simply because Nature hasn't given you that power, but she has given you the power to destroy but not create. Nature's germs are ever present in your garden, and when any plant contracts disease, burn it. Above all, don't multiply any sick bulbs; that is where you make a grave mistake. Quite a few growers, yes and many of our best growers, seem to think they disease their stock by propagation. You are only kidding yourself. You don't know that propagation is Nature's greatest gift, and if you knew enough about the Dahlia to be able to tell a diseased plant and destroy it, and propagate healthy plants only, you would improve your stock over and over to a healthy standard, fit for any market. I'll say, wake up, and go to sleep right, if you want to be a real Dahlia grower.



107 LILY GRAND (H. D.), extra large, and best exhibition whites I know.

\$3.00; Plants \$1.50

130 BEN WILSON (D.), orange-red, gold tips, very large, free bloomer, one of the best.

\*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

131 PROXIE (H. D.), dark velvet red, maroon and garnet shades, great long stems.

\*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

151 DR. FLOOD (D.), magenta and white with extra white tongues, don't sport.

\*\$1.00

181 CARDINAL KING (D.), cardinal-red, large swell flower with great stems.

\*\$1.00

184 SOROSIS (D.), my best red. I'll say the best on the market.

\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

196 APEX (D.), autumn buff shade, full heavy flower.

\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

229 R. HITCHCOCK (H. C.), great ribbon petal, yellow, full of class.

\*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

307 WORLD'S BEST WHITE (D.). Now I have produced about as near to perfection of plant, flower and stem as nature will allow. It just keeps full of large blooms all summer, with the best of stems. Can be grown 9 or 10 inches, 5 inches deep. Has won 10 First Prizes and has made a tremendous hit this season from coast to coast. You make one great mistake if you don't grow it.

\*Bulbs, \$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

322 MASSACHUSETTS FANCY (D.), very odd yellow and red, wide petal, split ends. Market's best fancy.

\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

323 NORTHERN QUEEN (D.), white, a strong built flower, good plant and stems.

\*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

334 3 IN 1 SALEM NEWS (D.), extra large red, the largest, deepest and heaviest long stem flower on the market, barring none.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50



- 335 THE ORCHID (D.), a new shade of bluish-lavender, large flowers, great stems. Should be in your garden for more than one reason.  
\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 341 HARLAN (D.), extra large yellow, fine plant and good stems on the Estelle Christy type; much better. \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- 342 BON RAY (D.), very large, heavy built, bright red. I made a grave mistake selling it for \$2.00; stock limited. Plants, \$2.00
- 380 NEW FANCY (D.), the clearest yellow and red you ever looked at, also the cleanest; always short on stock. Plants only, \$3.00
- 386 SNOW QUEEN (D.). Here we have one more fine pure white, mule flower, extra large with fine stems. A real bargain for \$3.00.  
\*Plants, \$1.50
- 389 ALICE LONG (D.), yellow, a new odd petal, nicked very deep, making a very attractive flower, full, heavy and large.  
\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 394 YELLOW GEM (D.). Beat it if you can for a yellow and white, great plant and stems. Short on stock. \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 410 MAYOR FITZ (D.). Now we have a real Autumn shade, the highest center dahlia grown. \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 412 WHITE PRINCE (H. D.). One more great white you need in your garden; fine for cutting and exhibition. \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 429 WONDER PINK (D.), large, bold, pink and white flower, somewhat like Cambia, much better; one of the best.  
\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 432 BABA BOTT (H. D.), a classy pink and white hybrid, extra large perfect blooms and good stems. \$3.00; Plants, \$1.50



433 BOSTON WHITE (D.) has proven to be one of the greatest whites I ever produced, improving with age, and the best white you will ever buy for the money. Pure white, large full flower, center air-tight, great plant and stems. Try one; you can't lose.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

468 BLOSSOM TIME (H. C.), two-tone magenta and cerise, tipped white, making a very attractive flower; don't sport.

\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

471 CITY OF PEABODY (H. C.), new deep wine shade, veined white, reverse of petals silver; a grand flower you can't afford to pass up. stems and center always good; extra large flower, full of expression; one of the classiest seedlings ever produced. (New.)

\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

472 GEO. RAY (H. D.), a clean bright yellow and red, extra large, heavy deep flower; can be grown 9 or 10 inches; don't sport; one of the best.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

494 DRAMA (D.), a real yellow with good stems that hold up the flower. Stock limited.

\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

512 MRS. C. FLOOD (Dec.), the best real baby pink we have. In bud opening the color is white and gold and bleaches to pink when matured; the most delicate of all pinks.

\*\$7.50; Plants, \$3.75

531 COFFEE CREAM (D.), a new bronze coffee shade that demands attention in any garden; stems good.

\*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

562 MARY CURTIN (Dec.) has made one of the greatest hits of any dahlia I have ever produced. Why? Because it is the best and cleanest red and white tipped flower on the market. It can and has been grown 9 inches across, 5 inches deep, and the white tips were there. Five years old and never sported the white tips. Don't pass up Mary; if you do you'll be sorry.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

567 EVA COLE (D.), unusually large, splendid built, bright, clean, red and gold flower; naturally the largest grown flower to date. With no feeding of any kind I had quite a few 10-inch and better blooms this awfully dry, mean season. Under good care, weather and water, you will have to step some to beat it for quantity, quality and size. Six years old, first year on the market.

\$25.00 net; Plants, \$10.00

590 H. M. A. (Dec.), red. A fine, bright red shade, with great long stems, full to center, strong growing plant. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

622 POLLYANNA M. (D.), buff-yellow, suffused red; one of the largest dahlias grown; will produce more large blooms than any dahlia on the market; can be grown 9 inches across, 6 inches deep. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

634 GEO. S. HARVEY (D.). I'll say you will have to go some to beat this purplish-magenta flower, full of quality and class, suffused white. One of the handsomest combinations you wish to see and getting better and larger with age. Very large, deep flower. It is up to you to grow it 10 inches; the goods are there. \*\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

677 SOROSIS SEARCHLIGHT (H. C.). Somewhat like Lorna Slocombe; very attractive flower. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

684 SOROSIS SOUVENIR (H. D.), very large, strong built flower, on long stems; the kind you all like; the sex that don't show a seed center. The past season has proven it to be the best yellow on the market. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

697 WHITE KING (Dec.). My largest white. Well named, they say, when they give it the once over. An extra large, wonderful built flower. This is one white flower you should grow in your garden for more than one reason. I dare say it has the most perfect stock and foliage I ever saw. Sorry to say last season the stem didn't act very good. A great exhibition white. (New.)

\$10.00 net; Plants, \$5.00

- 699 MAHOGANY (C.). A real American Cactus, dark, velvet-red, with long, narrow, cactus petals borne on the end of great stiff stems. One of the rich red shades that makes the sun dance. (New.) \*\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00
- 707 WINTER TIME (C.). The best American white cactus ever produced. The world has been looking for a good white cactus, and here you have it. Fine, strong plant, great stems, flower always looking at you. Fine cut flower and great for exhibition; also, one more good point, the greatest of foliage to carry to the show. (New.) \$10.00 net; Plants, \$5.00
- 710 E. M. FITZGERALD (H. C.). A pleasing tone of cerise shade with yellow collar at base of flower, extra good stems, full of class and a perfect built flower. You should grow it to know its beauty. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- 717 SUNLIT (Dec.). A new tango buff shade, reverse of petal Turkish red that appeals to you as soon as you see it. The flower is built like J. A. B. Parker, plant much stronger and higher and better, colorings of the famous Turkish rugs. (New.)  
\$10.00 net; Plants, \$5.00
- 739 HARRY SHELDON JR. (D.). Here again Nature has been good to me in producing what I think is the cleanest, classiest, largest and handsomest pink and white flower, regardless of class, ever put on the market. I will not be a bit surprised to see one 12 inches across, 5 or 6 inches deep, next season. Petals are 2 inches wide, extra long, and the flower opens very fast, long before the back gives way, which means the greatest of all exhibition flowers. (New.) \$25.00 net; Plants, \$15.00
- 750 HARDMAN (D.). A large, full, red and yellow, or orange-red; great long stems, fine for cutting and exhibition; a real bargain.  
\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- 754 WINEGATE (Dec.). Plum, magenta, wine shades. One of the rich shades the market is shy on, and very hard to find. Plant and stems extra good. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

- 810 REBECCA ATKINSON (C.), one more American cactus that will make you sit up and take a peek. A perfect spike petal, intense pink flower, with white center. One great cut and exhibition variety; the greatest bargain yet. (New.) \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- 865 A. BLANEY (Dec.). Now we have a new light red of much merit, and a variety that has come to stay. Swell plant, full of extra large blooms all season, on fine stems. One of my best reds. (New.) \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- A. C. L. (H. C.). One of the best shell pinks on the market, great plant, stem and flower. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- ALBERT WARD (D. P.), a very nice shade of rose-lane purple, and extra large. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- AMUN RA (D.), large flowers of copper, gold and amber. \*\$4.00; Plants, \$2.00
- AGNES HAVILAND (D.), rose shade, long stems. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- ALEX WALDIE (D.), light yellow and salmon-pink, one of the best. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- BONNIE BRAE (D.), pink and creamy yellow. A very attractive flower with long stems. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- BASHFUL GIANT (D.). One of the largest flowers ever produced. Apricot and bronze. \*\$5.00; plants, \$2.50
- CHAMPAGNE (D.). One of our very best dahlias regardless of class or color. A popular autumn shade. A real Bessie Boston world beater. \*\$7.50; Plants, \$3.75
- CALIFORNIA SUPERBA (D.), pink and white flower of much merit. \*\$4.00; Plants, \$2.00
- DR. BARNES (H. D.). A very attractive flower; a combination of Turkish red and sand shades and a great garden and exhibition variety. One of A. E. Thatcher's best. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

- D. V. POTTER (D.), a pleasing shade of lavender with some white. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- E. T. BEDFORD (D.), one of our very few purple shades with silvery reverse. \*\$4.00; Plants, \$2.00
- EMPEROR (D.), one of our very best deep maroon shades, with fine stems. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- ETHEL F. T. SMITH (H. D.), very large, light yellow. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- E. M. DANE (D.), pink and yellow, strong growing plant, fine flower and good stems. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- ESTHER-OF-HAV-A-LOOK (D.). An extra large, fine built flower, on great stems; the nearest to cerise in color of any dahlia grown; silver reverse. The best production of Geo. Fish. \*\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00
- ETHEL MOWER (D.). A large, deep, heavy, round, pink and white variety. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- EDITH SLOCOMBE (H. D.). One of our best purplish maroon flowers. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- ELSIE OLIVER (H. C.). One of the handsomest dahlias on the market. A delicate shade of pink and cream.. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- G. WHIZ (H. C.). Unusually large, fine built flower; buff and salmon. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- GRACE ALLEN FAY (D.), rose-magenta shade and a fine flower. \*\$1.00
- GLADYS SHERWOOD (H. D.). One of our classy whites. \*\$1.00
- HELEN KELLER (D. P.), fine, clear pink, wide petal, large flower. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- HAV-A-LOOK GEM (H. C.). A creamy colored, incurved Hybrid Cactus. The edges of petals are a bright vermilion and orange. The gem of Geo. Fish. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

- JUDGE A. B. PARKER (D.). One fine, large, deep, full flower; a rich combination of buff, salmon pink, bronze. \*\$4.00; Plants, \$2.00
- JUNIOR (Dec.), a rich lavender shade and one of the best ever sent out of California. \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00
- KITTY DUNLAP (Dec.). Beautiful rose shade, fine stems. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- LAURINE (H. C.). A great exhibition variety and all around dahlia; one of the best. \*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50
- MARIPOSA (H. C.), a delicate pink with a touch of violet, swell formed flower. One of Bessie Boston's best. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Dec.). A fine, large catalea shade. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- MRS. WARNER'S FAVORITE (Dec.). Nice lavender shade. \*\$1.00
- MR. CROWLEY (Dec.), a bright yellow and salmon-pink; a French shade. \*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50
- MILLIONAIRE (Dec.). A giant lavender. \*\$1.00
- MRS. J. C. HART (Dec.). A wonderful shade of red. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- MRS. CARL SALBACK (Dec.). Violet and white; great stems. \*\$1.00
- M. H. DE YOUNG (Dec.). A clean, clear golden shade; one of the best. \*\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00
- PAUL MICHAEL or CALIFORNIA GOLD (Dec.). A rich golden shade. \*\$2.00; Plants, \$1.00
- PACIFIC GLOW (Peony). Large pink; a prize winner. \*\$1.00
- PRESIDENT WILSON (D.). One fine dark wine maroon with white tips. Ed. Jones' best. \$3.00; Plants, \$2.00



ROOKWOOD (D.). A standard variety that grows well with all. A fine rose shade.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

SHADOWS LAVENDER (D.). No doubt it is the purest lavender on the market. Bessie Boston production.

\*\$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

TRYPHINNY (D.). Soft shell pink, yellow center; fine flower.

\*\$3.00; Plants, \$1.50

UNCLE SAM (D. P.). An extra large orange and buff, with great stems, and one you need in your garden. A sensation produced by Meachen and Sherman.

\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

WIZARD OF OZ (D.). Amber and pink; very large.

\$10.00; Plants, \$5.00

A fine collection of Pompons that are coming back fast because they last so long when cut.

25c each; 14 for \$3.00

Alewine, white and lavender; Amber Queen, amber-buff shade; Annice, lilac-purple; Brunette, red and white; Catherine, yellow; Challenge, red and white and variegated; Donovan, white and lavender; Eleganta, pink and white; Elfin, pale primrose; Fairy Queen, yellow and red; Frau Dr. Knabbe, white and purple; Galatea, plum shade; Highland Mary, red and white; Leida, pink; Little Jennie, buff and red; Madaline, maroon; Marriette, purplish maroon; Norah, yellow and red; Prince Charming, crimson; Purity, white; Snowclad, white.

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All varieties with number are my own productions.

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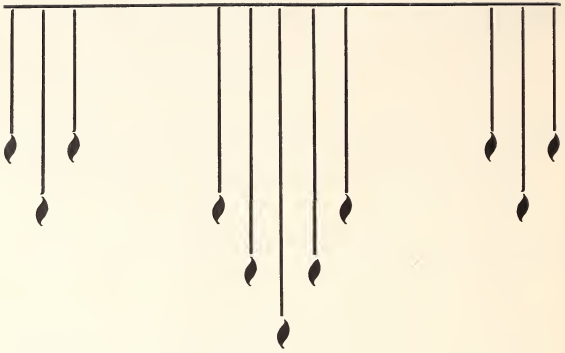
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25 per cent off on all marked \* to trade.

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Although I keep a close watch and destroy all diseased stock, multiply healthy stock only, yet my bulbs are not perfect. I'll make good any wrong.





698 AMETHYST SUPREME (H. C.). Something new in formation of petal. I dare say this new production is the best ever and the real king of the dahlias. Picture a very delicate amethyst shade, 10-inch flower, on great, long, stiff stems, fine high plant and foliage, free bloomer, and the rarest built flower imaginable. One wonderful built flower and yet the formation of each petal is more or less different. At first glance you don't really know what's about the flower that draws your attention, until you discover the new odd formation of the petal and amethyst shade. The most delicate and handsomest of all dahlia coloring. You will have to wait until 1925 before the King goes on the market! Shy on stock at present.

